already been released and the balance amount would be released in October, 1988 subject to fulfilment of the prescribed conditions.

Under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), State Government spent Rs. 75.72 crores during the first three years of Seventh Plan. A provision of Rs. 29.5 crores has been made under MNP in 1988-89. Thus, adequate funds are available for execution of schemes for supply of safe drinking water in problem villages included in the Action Plan for 1988-89 in the State.

Collaboration with Pepsi Cola

*50. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for collaboration of the Pepsi Cola with Punjab Agro and Voltas Limited, the co-promoters has been cleared by the Project Approval Board;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Project Approval Board (PAB) has considered the proposal and it is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Relief to Fertilizer Industry

*51. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give relief to fertilizer industry for meeting higher inventory carrying costs and to allow discount to the consumers; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present under consideration of Government to give relief to the fertiliser industry for meeting higher inventory carrying costs.

In pursuance of the announcement made by Government in the Budget for 1988-89, asking fertiliser companies to offer discount of 7-1/2 per cent on the maximum consumer price of urea, the Government issued orders in April, 1988 to compensate the indigenous manufacturers for the discounts on actual sales of urea subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. These discounts are effective from 1-4-1988.

Flood due to breach in embankment of Patiala Nadi

*52. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent flash flood caused by a wide breach in the embankment of Patiala Nadi nearly one third of Patiala city was submerged in flood waters and some persons have been killed and thousands rendered homeless as a consequence thereof; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the estimated loss of life and property as a result thereof, the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted into the circumstances under which wide breach in the embankment of the Nadi took place and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Government of Punjab, heavy rains of about 200 mm within a period of ten hours on 3rd and 4th